

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 13 has been amended. Claims 1-13 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1-12 are allowed, and claim 13 was objected to.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101

On page 2, paragraph 2, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action alleges that claim 13:

defines a computer program embodying functional descriptive material. However, the claim does not define a computer readable medium or memory and is thus non-statutory for that reason...

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 13 is amended taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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